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The Environment is Everyone's Business

Clean Texas gets a new component and a new name.

The TCEQ's environmental leadership program--Clean Texas--has expanded its scope to include greater recognition of environmental performance and results.

Under the new name Clean Texas, Cleaner World, the program reserves its two top tiers for companies and organizations that have implemented an environmental management system (EMS).

With an EMS, both management and staff analyze their operations and incorporate environmental issues into daily decision making. As a result, they can expect to achieve better environmental performance and compliance with regulations, fewer accidents, and an improved financial bottom line.

The two EMS tiers are Certified Lone Star Leader and Certified National Leader. Organizations joining at these levels must have their EMS approved by the TCEQ. National Leader, the highest level of commitment, is the equivalent of the Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Performance Track.

Information about EMS training is available at www.abouttexasems.org.

Clean Texas, Cleaner World also includes the existing levels of Advocate and Partner. While each level of the program carries a different measure of commitment, various benefits are available to all participants. Those include:

- recognition;
- networking and partnerships;
- reduced fees for training;
- program, technical, and outreach assistance; and
- regulatory incentives (Leaders only).

For more information, visit www.cleantexas.org.

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